

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 3,985,572 to Petermann, et al. ("Petermann") in view of US Patent No. 4,863,524 to Komabashiri, et al. And the examiner allowed claim 8.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-6, without prejudice, herein.

Applicants respectfully request the examiner to pass applicants' claim 8, as amended, to allowance at this time. Applicants' agent is available in order to expedite the allowance of this case at 215-641-7822 or by FAX at 215-619-1918.

Respectfully Submitted,

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